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## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 21-29, 41 and 42 were presented and examined. The Examiner withdrew claims 41-42 from consideration. The Examiner rejected claims 21-26, 28, and 29 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kwong *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 66,388,890), hereinafter "Kwong", in view of Takagi *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,800,459), hereinafter "Takagi". Claim 27 is allowed.

In this response, Applicant has canceled claims 24, 41, and 42 and amended claims 21-23, 25, 28, and 29 to dependent on allowed claim 27. Because all remaining dependent claims depend upon allowed claim 27, Applicant submits that all pending claims as amended herein are now allowable. (See MPEP 2143.03. If an independent claim is nonobvious under 35 U.S.C. 103, then any claim depending therefrom is nonobvious. Citing *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988)). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the Section 103(a) rejections of the pending claims and allow the remaining claims.

Because this amendment merely cancels claims and places claims in condition for allowance, Applicant believes that it is appropriate under 37 CFR 1.116 to enter these after final amendments. See MPEP 714.12.

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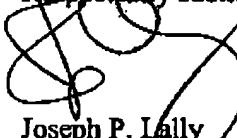
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**CONCLUSION**

In the present response, Applicant has responded to Examiner's claim rejections under 35 USC § 103(a), which is the only issue remaining in the case. Accordingly, Applicant believes that this response constitutes a complete response to each of the issues raised in the office action. In light of the amendments made herein and the accompanying remarks, Applicant believes that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant would request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections, allow the pending claims, and advance the application to issue. If the Examiner has any questions, comments, or suggestions, the undersigned attorney would welcome and encourage a telephone conference at 512.428.9872.

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